

# **REAP Region 10- Cedar Rapids Assembly Summary**

**February 7, 2006**

**Attendance: 85    Local Chair: Dennis Goemaat**

## **Preferred Projects by County**

### **Benton County:**

Nature center.

Soil conservation for water quality, including buffer strips.

Trail development and maintenance.

### **Iowa County:**

Gateway Park on the Iowa River needs more funding for staff to manage.

Lake Iowa nature center is needed; 16 years of environmental education but no place to call home.

Ioway Trails Project between Johnson, Iowa, Benton and Marshall counties

More habitat development, particularly in light of Conservation Reserve acres returning to cropland. Need to develop and maintain habitat areas for public access and staff management for it. PF is doing a great job in the county, but we could lose some of their work without more investment.

### **Johnson County:**

Trails, particularly when any roads/railroads close, then convert to trails.

Expand MacBride watershed water quality project.

Expand environmental education dramatically, with an education center in Johnson County.

### **Jones County:**

Land for trails.

Bear Creek Water Quality Project.

Land acquisition in general for public areas, and roadside vegetation enhancement.

### **Linn County:**

Buy land for natural resource conservation and public recreation, then prevent development on adjoining properties.

Environmental education improvement; money to schools to use nature centers.

Park and trail development.

### **(Clayton County – Large delegation unable to attend its own REAP assembly due to fund-raising conflict in schedules):**

Historical preservation

Trails, particularly along the Mississippi, and other water corridors.  
Soil conservation, particularly through forest management.

## **REAP Improvements**

### **Benton County:**

Increased gambling should help stabilize REAP at higher levels.

Money is needed for maintenance.

REAP County Committees: Boards of supervisors should be more highly involved and call the meetings; more residents should know more about REAP.

### **Iowa County:**

REAP County Committees: This group will set up the committee for Iowa County.

### **Johnson County:**

REAP County Committees: A statewide list serve is needed; a powerpoint template needs to be established by the state and given to counties to education their local residents; constitutional provision for sales tax to support full funding of REAP.

Work with school groups to make students advocates of REAP with their legislators.

### **Jones County:**

More funding for REAP; get city and county elected officials involved with legislators.

### **Linn County:**

Educate county residents on values and benefits of REAP.

Make elected officials accountable for their position on REAP.

Constitutional amendment for sales tax to support REAP.

Use real estate transfer tax to support REAP.

REAP County Committees: more money for REAP would make these work better; more publicity and more county control of REAP funds within the county.

Counties should hold a REAP forum for their citizens to learn more about it.

Make a big legislative day for REAP.

Tax checkoff for REAP.

Make REAP a permanent part of Iowa government.

### **Clayton County:**

Use Missouri-like % of sales tax to support fully funded REAP.

Make excise tax on recreation equipment and supplies to support REAP.

**Delegates to REAP Congress**  
**To be held July 15, 2006 in Des Moines**

**Delegates:**

Rose Rohr  
Tom Hoff  
Roger Anderson  
Al Schafbuch  
Richard Heft

**Alternates:**

Mike Robinson  
Vic Rathje  
Steve Thompson

**POSTERS**

There are posters which detail most of the REAP projects in your county in .PDF format. Please feel free to contact us for a copy of these files. You may use these files to print either 8.5 x 11 or 24 x 36 posters to educate county residents on what REAP has done for them.

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